

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS

2026 World Championship
Hosted by Fleet 13
Organized by San Diego Yacht Club
San Diego, California, USA
May 7 – 15, 2025
NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

Except for breaking a rule of Part 2, or rules 2, 28 or 31, the notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes rule 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. [DP] International Etchells Association [Class Rules](#) will apply.
- 1.3. This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website (https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Aproved_2023.07.25.pdf). Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 1.4. The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply as detailed in *NOR Attachment C – US Sailing Prescriptions*.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.6. [NP] Bow numbers will be assigned, supplied, and affixed by the Organizing Authority (OA) to each participating boat prior to completing inspection. They shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee (RC) or event Technical Committee (TC).
- 1.7. For the purposes of Class Rule C.10.2.(b), not more than 1 mainsail, 2 headsails and 2 spinnakers shall be presented for measurement and used during the event.
- 1.8. Each sail presented shall be inspected and approved by the Measurer or delegated Equipment Inspector immediately prior to the championship and shall not thereafter be recut or altered during the championship. After such inspection, repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon prior approval of the International Jury.
- 1.9. Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the person in charge will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails being used must exhibit the same sail number.

- 1.10. If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the person in charge may petition the International Jury for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.11. [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 liters of water per boat is acceptable.
- 1.12. If there is a conflict between a rule on the Notice of Racing and a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the rule in the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c)(2).
- 1.13. The RC will use the Vakaros RaceSense system. See NOR Attachment D for rules and details.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available after 0800 on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at <https://2026.etchellsworlds.org>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://2026.etchellsworlds.org>.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF Marine Channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Failure to receive any such broadcasts will not be subject to an application for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a). The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2. Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://2026.etchellsworlds.org>.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.5. Each crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing at San Diego Yacht Club on May 9, 2026 between 0900 and 1700, May 10, 2026 between 0730 to 1000, or May 11, 2026 between 0730 to 0900 and at other times as indicated on the Schedule or required by Class Rule C2.
- 4.6. A Corinthian division will be established. The division will be open to boats whose entire crew hold a valid Group 1 Categorisation in accordance with World Sailing Categorisation Code (Nov 24) (<https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations>).

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee of \$2000 US for a three-up team, or \$2400 US for a four-up team shall be paid in accordance with the online entry system by March 31, 2026.
- 5.2. No refunds for canceled registrations shall be made after March 31, 2026.
- 5.3. Entries received after March 31 will be assessed a \$400 late fee in addition to the appropriate entry fee.
- 5.4. Entry fees include boat and trailer parking from May 4, 2026 through May 20, 2026, towing to race venue, use of hoists, and invitations to social events for skipper and crew.
- 5.5. Non-refundable coach vessel fee received by March 31, 2026 will be \$500. This includes from May 4, 2026 through May 20, 2026, on premises parking for trailers, berthing for coach vessel, use of hoists, social events and support vessel ID flag. A late fee of \$100 will be assessed for coach registration after March 31, 2026.
- 5.6. Additional tickets to social events will be available for purchase.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. All crew shall be current members of the International Etchells Class Association. The person in charge shall be an Owner class member. If the person in charge is not the helmsperson, the helmsperson must also be an Owner class member.
- 6.2. Youth teams must:
 - a. be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event; and
 - b. borrow or charter a boat from an Owner or entity in good standing; and
 - c. all be at least a Non-Owner Class Members.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with [Class Rule C.4.](#)

8. SCHEDULE

8.1.

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, May 7	Measurement and Registration	0900 to 1700
Friday, May 8	Measurement and Registration	0900 to 1700
Saturday, May 9	Measurement, Registration and Crew Weigh-in	0900 to 1700
Sunday, May 10	Crew Weigh-in	0730 to 1000
	Practice Race, Warning Signal	1230
	All boats afloat	1700
Monday, May 11	Race Day 1, Crew Weigh-in	0730 to 0900
	Competitors' Briefing	0900
	1 st Warning Signal	1130
Tuesday, May 12	Race Day 2, 1 st Warning Signal	1130
Wednesday, May 13	Race Day 3, 1 st Warning Signal	1130
	Crew Re-weigh	1630 to 1800
Thursday, May 14	Crew Re-weigh	0730 to 0900
	Race Day 4, 1 st Warning Signal	1130
Friday, May 15	Race Day 5, 1 st Warning Signal	1130
	Prizegiving	1800

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate and measurement forms.
- 9.2. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection during the championship from Saturday, May 7, 2026 at 0900.
- 9.3. Boats may be inspected at any time.

10. CLOTHING

- 10.1. See [Class Rule C3.2](#).

11. VENUE

- 11.1. NOR Attachment A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 11.2. NOR Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

12. COURSES

- 12.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".
- 13.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".
- 13.3. An International Jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 14.2. Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3. When seven (7) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 15.1. [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall remain detached from competitors and stay outside areas where boats are racing, from thirty minutes before the first scheduled or amended Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the International Jury or Race Committee.
- 15.2. [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with a flag provided by the OA at Registration and comply with NOR 5.5.

16. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 16.1. [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

17. BERTHING

- 17.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned area while in the harbor for the duration of the event.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 18.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical Committee.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS AND DATA PROTECTION

- 19.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 19.2. By entering this event, you agree to provide personal data to the OA. The OA will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event, in accordance with the Data Privacy Policy, details of which are available at <https://2026.etchellsworlds.org>.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. Overall series perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Founders Trophy, an antique silver bowl, for the overall World Championship winner – given by Mary Etchells.

C Stanley Ogilvy Masters Trophy, an antique sextant and box, for the winner of the Masters' Division (Masters' category is defined as helmsman 50 years of age or older) – given by the Members and Governors of the Class to honour Stan Ogilvy's 17 years of service to the Class as Chairman of the Technical Committee.

Robert W Sides Seniors Trophy, a Lucite boat on marble block, for the winner of the Seniors' Division (Seniors' category is defined as helmsman 60 years of age or older – should fewer than two skippers qualify for this division the age limit for the year will be 55 years or older) – given by US Etchells Fleet 4.

Grand Masters Trophy, a crystal plate mounted on a stainless-steel base given by the International Etchells Class Association of Australia in honor of Ian Kingsford Smith, awarded to the skipper and crew with best result at the World Championship with a combined age of 150 years for a three person crew or 200 years for a four person crew, (ages being as at midnight on the last day of registration).

Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy, a ceramic tile with a picture of an Etchells mounted on a wooden plaque, presented by Jim DeWitt. To be awarded annually to the competitor who in the eyes of the Organizing Authority, Race Committee and International Jury exhibits the most sportsmanlike qualities of the event.

Corinthian Cup, a pewter cup on a wood base, given by Patricia Stadel in recognition of outstanding achievement by Corinthian sailors to be awarded to the so defined (World Sailing Category 1) Corinthian skipper and crew achieving the best result in the International Etchells World Championship.

Best Female Helm Trophy, a wooden backing with raised brass Etchells half hull with sails, presented by US Detroit Fleet #7. Awarded to the female helm achieving the best result.

Next Generation Trophy, a silver cup, presented by the friends of Hans Fogh. Awarded to the skipper and crew, all 29 or younger as of January 1, 2026, achieving the best result.

Bill Bennett Crew Trophy, a wooden plaque, presented by Fleet 13. Awarded to the winning crew.

Bill Steele Trophy, awarded to the crew with the lowest average age, given by the family of Bill Steele

Individual race perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

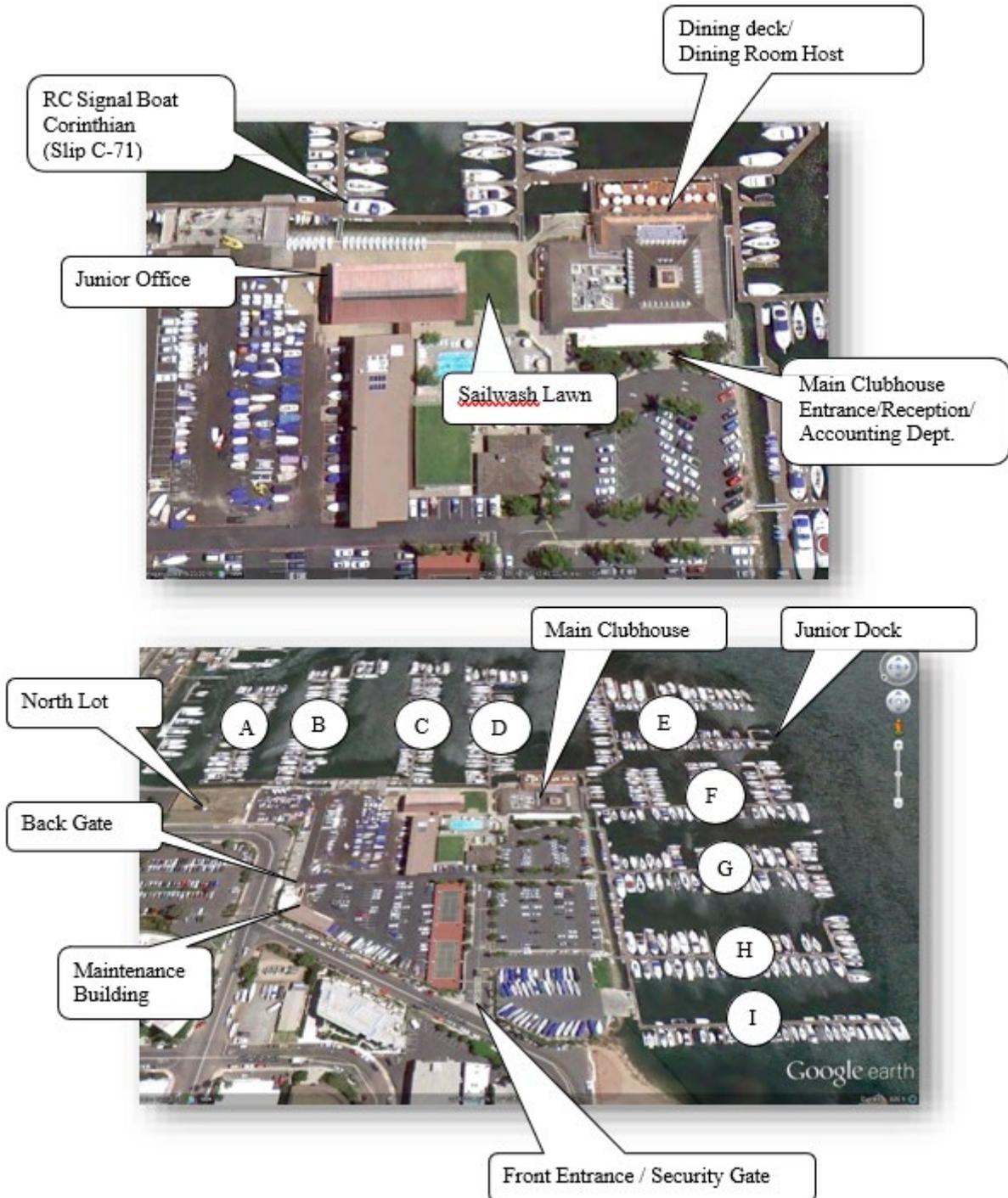
- Race 1: A silver tray for the first race winner – given by Etchells Fleet 6, Newport Beach, California, USA.
- Race 2: A half model, the Peter Tirion/Etchells Association of Canada perpetual trophy for the second race winner – given by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Race 3: A photo engraved plaque of an Etchells under spinnaker on timber backing for the third race winner – given by the Brisbane Etchells Fleet, Australia.
- Race 4: A half model for the fourth race winner – given by US Etchells Fleet 4 and the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA.
- Race 5: A silver bowl and stand for the fifth race winner – given by US Etchells Fleet 12 and the St Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, California, USA.
- Race 6: A silver plate, the American Yacht Club Centennial for the sixth race winner - given by the American Yacht Club, Rye, New York, USA.
- Race 7: A framed symbolic Kauri wood carving. Donated by the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, Gulf Harbour, New Zealand.
- Race 8: A crystal cube containing three-dimensional images of two Etchells for the eighth race winner, the Jim Annand Trophy – given by the International Etchells Class Association of Australia in honour of Jim Annand.
- Race 9. A half model for the ninth race winner - given by the Cowes Fleet in honour of Cowes Fleet member Ante Razmilovic, the winner of the first race nine at the 2002 World Championship.

Other trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

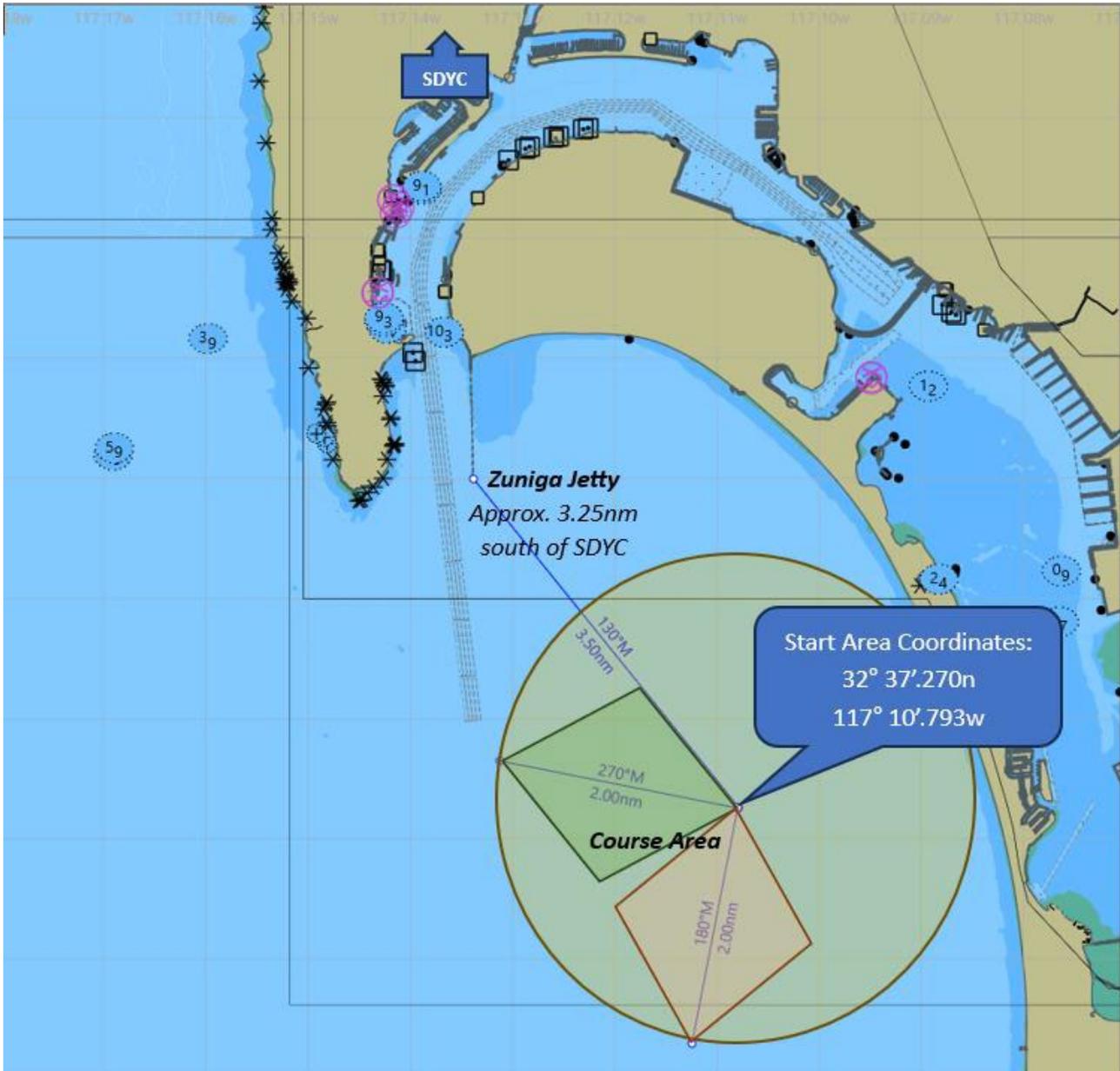
ATTACHMENT A – PLAN OF EVENT VENUE

San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane, San Diego, CA 92106

Ph) 619-221-8400



ATTACHMENT B – RACE AREA



ATTACHMENT C – US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The following US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply:

Add to the preamble to Part 5: US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

RRS 65.1: US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for monetary damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for monetary damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for monetary damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

RRS 76.1: US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under ‘Exclusion’ at ussailing.org/rules.

ATTACHMENT D – VAKAROS RACESENSE

Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

- D.1 [DP][NP] Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted above any other device, on the aft side of the mast, at all times while racing. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees.
- D.2 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- D.3 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 or Edge device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- D.4 [DP][NP] Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Edge safe and operational. They shall promptly notify the RC and Vakaros staff, on the water or ashore, of any device issues. The system shall be kept running until after the last race of each day.
- D.5 RRS 26 is modified. The countdown to the start on the Atlas2 or Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes.
- D.6 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system. This modifies RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.
- D.7 [NP]Any kind of failure of the Atlas 2 or Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems shall not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41(c), 61.1(a), 61.1(c), 61.4(b) and 60.5(b)
- D.8 If the RC vessel displays flag O with one sound signal before the warning signal of a race, F.5 and F.6 inclusive will not apply to that race.
- D.9 [DP][NP] If the RC vessel displays flag R with one sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas or Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.
- D.10 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or WhatsApp.